

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2196 - SB 2452

February 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes parties in a workers' compensation action to assign the employee's settlement or award to a hospital owned and operated by any Tennessee governmental entity for the purpose of paying the medical and hospital expenses incurred at the hospital.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Less than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes a potential increase in state and local government revenues. There are 28 municipal or county owned hospitals, which include hospital districts, and two University of Tennessee hospitals that could recover costs from workers' compensation settlements. It cannot be determined to what extent such occurrences will happen; however, given the number of potential claims, the cost of health care, and the number of municipal or county owned hospitals, we estimate the increase in revenues to be significant for local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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